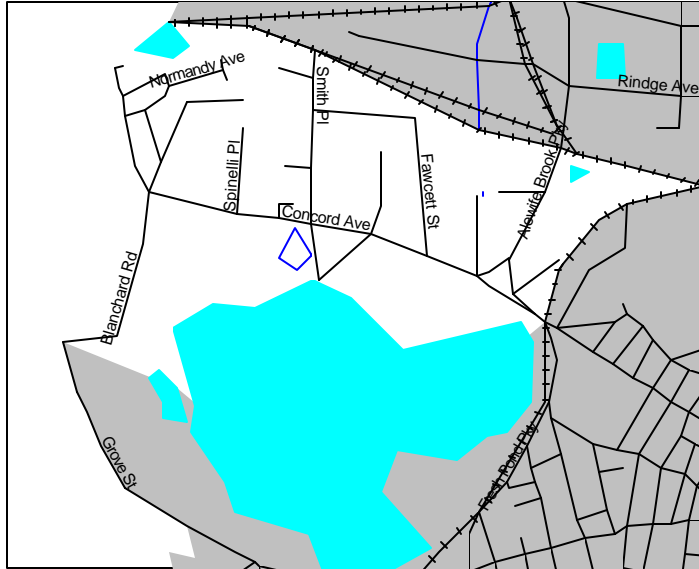
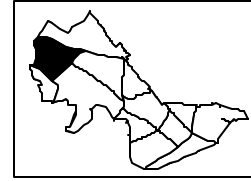


# NEIGHBORHOOD 12 HIGHLANDS



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

**POPULATION:** 582 residents  
281 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

## 2002 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

No **housebreaks** and only one **street robbery** occurred throughout the entire first half of 2002. The area's low residential population is likely a contributing factor to its incredibly low crime rate. For the past 20 years, its target crime totals have ranked the lowest or second lowest among all Cambridge neighborhoods. • **Auto thefts** and **larcenies from motor vehicles** were relatively scarce this year, as well. Four of the larcenies from motor vehicles occurred in the parking lots of 168 and 186 Alewife Brook Parkway. One incident that occurred on Mooney Street ended in the arrest of a Somerville man after a group of construction workers saw him breaking into their cars. The Somerville man also was linked to a larceny from a health club that occurred earlier in the day. • Eight of the twelve malicious destruction incidents involved random damage to cars. The rest of the incidents involved reports of graffiti by business on Alewife Brook Parkway. • The sole **drug** arrest occurred after police were flagged down for a possible overdose. The Waltham man was later arrested after officers found methadone in his pockets.

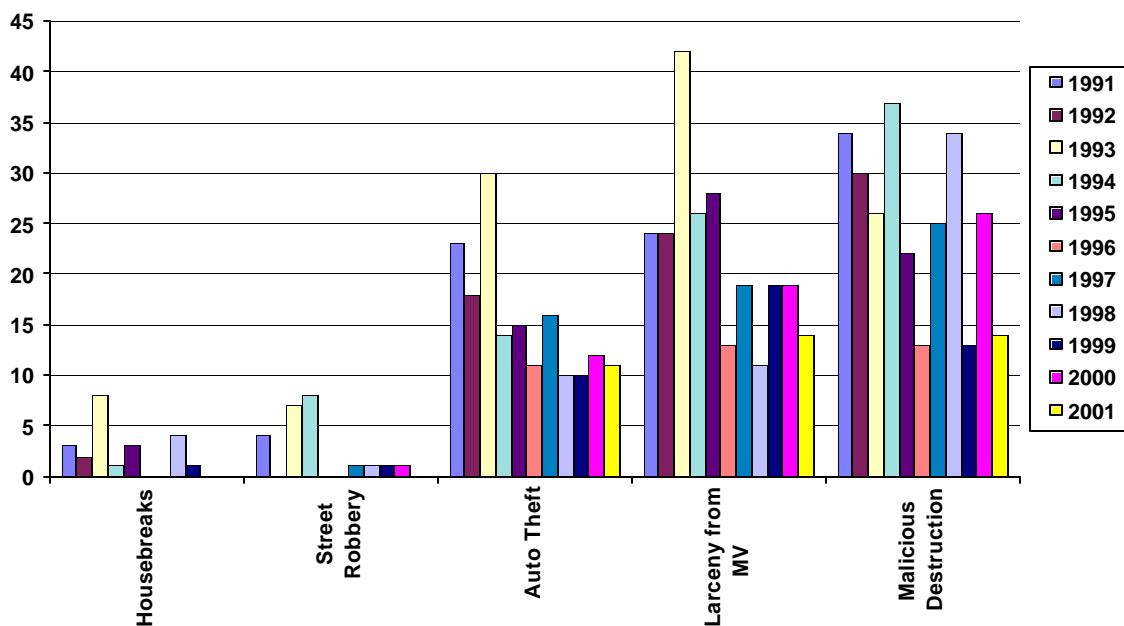
## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2001	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	0	0	N.C.
Street Robbery	0	1	+100%
Auto Theft	8	5	-38%
Larceny from MVs	7	6	-14%
Malicious Destruction	6	12	+100%
Drug Arrests	1	1	N.C.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** has sometimes become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- Larcenies from Persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocket pickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	6	13	3	13	13
Street Robbery	8	12	3	13	13
Auto Theft	54	11	16	11	13
Larceny from MVs	38	12	23	12	12
Malicious Destruction	28	12	26	12	12

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest